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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN REACTION TO NEW U.S. LAW ON MARITIME CARGO
SCANNING

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¶1. (SBU) Post sent reftel guidance on the new U.S. law on maritime cargo scanning to the MFA, Maritime Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Agency, Customs, as well as AmCham and the Association of Cargo Carriers. We received one response -- from the Nuclear Regulatory Agency (NRA) -- which stated that due to shortages of detection and screening equipment and border police personnel, the GOB will have difficulty meeting the new U.S. requirements of 100 percent cargo screening for U.S. bound maritime cargo by 2012.

¶2. (U) Post will forward any additional comments on the new law via septel.

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